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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on June 11, 2009. Applicants submit a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extending the deadline for response by one-month up to and including Tuesday, October 13, 2009, because October 11, 2009, fell on a Sunday and the Office was closed for the Columbus Day Holiday on October 12, 2009. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 07-1700, reference no. GIU-001, in the amount of \$65.00, the extension fee for a small entity. If any additional fees are required, please charge them to the same account.

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